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UCC

INFORMATION

BULLETINS #1

July 19, 1967

Because of the serious charges of police brutality voiced by members of the Newark community, the UCC executive committee, at its July 13 meeting unanimously voted the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS
PASSED BY
UCC EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
INCLUDED
GRAND JURY,
SUSPENSION OF
TWO OFFICERS,
GUARANTEES OF
IMPUNITY,
NEGROES FOR
4TH PRECINCT,
AND AREA BOARD
EXPRESSION

GRAND JURY
INVESTIGATION
WAS CALLED
AS RESULT OF
UCC AND LEGAL SERVICES

THAT the Essex County Prosecutor call a grand jury to investigate the alleged charges of police brutality in Newark;

THAT the two officers involved in the arrest of the cab driver be suspended without pay until their guilt or innocence be determined;

THAT written guarantees from the mayor and director of the police promise impunity for those who wish to bring forth complaints of police brutality without being charged with false swearing (unless otherwise proven);

THAT Negro officers of the police force be placed in administrative positions in the 4th Precinct during this time of crisis;

THAT the Committee structure the area boards toward lawful expressions of their feelings.

After the Committee sent out these requests, the only that was acted on was the grand jury, called by County Prosecutor Byrne after calls from the Committee and Oliver Lofton, of Legal Services.

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SPECIAL
EMERGENCY
SESSIONS CALLED

Timothy Still has called for special meetings of the executive committee and of the board of trustees to ask for their recommendations on gearing up a program of relief and long-range restoration for Newark. At that time, appointments will be announced for special committees.

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UCC SERVING
AS MAIN NETWORK
FOR COMMUNITY
ACTIVITY
AND OPERATIONS

During the riot, the UCC central offices at 124 Branford Place were the scene of day and night activity, serving as a meeting place for community leaders (including the Ad Hoc COMMITTEE OF CONCERN), scores of reporters from local, metropolitan, and national radio, TV, and newspapers, and as a network for informational services.

PLAY IT COOL:

The UCC and the Committee of Concern produced many radio spots, live pleas to the people to PLAY IT COOL, and began to start coordinating food distribution, which now is being handled by the UCC and community volunteers from Newark, New York, and other areas. In fact, right now, the UCC area board offices at 415 Springfield Avenue:

OPERATION:WE CARE
IS "COMMAND POST"

OPERATION: WE CARE, serves as the "command post" for emergency operations. Staff and volunteers now handle food distribution, are setting up procedures to obtain dispositions on police brutality allegations, and generally coordinating many efforts to bring about order in the stricken community, such as getting medical aid, doctors, and other goods and services.

FOOD
DISTRIBUTION
NOW COORDINATED
BY UCC AND
VOLUNTEERS

During the riot, the staff and Committee of Concern members produced two fliers, giving people information on their needs and offering the UCC phone number as a source (just about the only source) of information, for complaints, grievances, and problems.

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HELP FROM
VOLUNTEERS
FROM ALL OVER

Volunteer Corps was established by the UCC to man the AB #2 offices and to help deliver food and medicine to nine centers in Newark, including AB #2 and AB #3.

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\$100 CHECK
KICKS OFF
EMERGENCY RELIEF
FUND SET UP
BY UCC

Emergency Relief Fund was established on Monday, and radio announcements over WVNJ, WNJR, WLIB, and WJRZ have produced scores of telephone calls offering money and food from all over. The first contribution was from Dickinson Debevoise for \$100.00. (Checks should be made out to UCC EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.)

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OEO GRANT
OF
\$3.3 MILLION
FINALLY
ANNOUNCED

OEO Grant announced. On Friday, July 14, coincident with the height of the rioting, the long awaited UCC grant enabling the agency to operate through January 31, 1968, was announced in Washington, consisting of the following:

HALF OF MONEY
IS FOR PRESCHOOL

\$ 1,637,129 to the Newark Preschool Council.
\$ 1,315,426 to the UCC for the following:

FOCUS FOR SPANISH
SPEAKING RESIDENTS
AND LEAGUERS
NEW PROGRAMS
AFTER LONG DELAYS

\$480,893 for the eight area boards.
\$292,108 for central administration and community action.
\$246,706 to the Blazer Youth Council
\$148,820 for COPE
\$ 31,952 for ENABLE
\$ 51,749 for High School Head Start (Seton Hall)
\$ 24,041 for FOCUS (Spanish Information Center)
\$ 16,544 for the Leaguers Youth Program
\$399,831 for the Senior Citizens Commission Golden Age Plan

An SBDC grant of \$22,613 was announced for the months of May and June. The project is now no longer operating.

Letter of credit to the UCC confirming these grants is soon expected.

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ESSEX COUNTY
DRUG ADDICTION
PROGRAM
BEGINNING TO ROLL

Drug Addiction program for Essex County personnel committee met the night of the first major rioting and interviewed people for the job of director. Large communitywide meeting is scheduled for July 27 to discuss many of the projects ramifications.

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AREA BOARDS
HAVE MONIES
TO ACTIVATE
PROGRAMS

Area Boards have been urged to take advantage of the monies soon to be available for programs in the local community. Planning and writing proposals is a must, and all area board presidents will receive the help of UCC staff members.

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SUMMER BLOCK
PROGRAM
WILL HIRE
200 COMMUNITY
PEOPLE

Summer Block Recreation program, in its second year, got off the ground Monday, July 17, after the late funding of \$268,000. Charles Meeks will head the project for PAL and Harry Wheeler will coordinate it for the UCC. Both men were recommended for the position by the Summer Block Board of Trustees.

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PLAY STREETS
AND
RECREATION

The project will be similar to last year's with play streets and recreational programs, and will employ 200 community people, along with 11 PAL employees and 10 Area Board members. This year some 150 NYC youngsters will be involved in various aspects of the project.

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STATE OF N.J.
OFFERS NEW
HOUSING AGENCY
TO MAKE
BUILDING BY
NONPROFIT GROUPS
A REALITY

As the UCC board of trustees committee on housing gets underway, it will consider the recommendations and information brought to the agency by members of the N.J. State Department of Community Affairs.

LONG
LOW-INTEREST
APPEALS
TO COMMUNITY
GROUPS

Five pieces of legislation are now in effect in New Jersey, the most important of which creates a new Housing Finance Agency, which will help finance low-interest loans (4%) to non-profit sponsors willing to undertake middle class income housing units for Newark.

In effect, any stable organization in Newark may very well be able to build adequate housing for residents under this new law. And, considering rent supplements from the state and federal arms and other devices to reduce rents, it is possible to include lower income projects as well. For more information, see Don Gayer, housing specialist at the UCC.

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